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Subject: Portland Harbor Superfund

Dear EPA,

As a resident of Portland and citizen of Oregon, I am writing to oppose the Draft Superfund Cleanup Plan. Simply put, the Plan as currently drafted will not cleanup the river adequately.

Leaving all but 14 percent of the dangerous pollutants in the river does not protect humans, mammals, birds or fish. And the 14 percent that is to be removed, is to be redeposited back into the river elsewhere. Leaving 86 percent where it is and moving the remainder elsewhere in the river simply won't do. It is a "keep your fingers crossed" solution that puts the toxic burden on us all. I don't want the toxic materials potentially swept downstream to cause problems elsewhere either.

The costs of removing the contaminated materials must be born by those who caused it, or who purchased the property knowing that the liability went with it. The companies in the Lower Willamette Group can afford to clean up this dangerous mess.

With 2200 acres of polluted sediment, at least half or more should be removed. As I understand it, even if this much were to be removed, it will still be many, many years before the fish consumption recommended limit will be lifted. The recommended limit simply must be lifted within 10-20 years.

This 11 mile long stretch of the Willamette River was intensely polluted or it would not have been designated as a Superfund site. It could have been many more than just one site, but the sites were grouped together.

After so many years, it is extremely disappointing for the EPA to present such a weak cleanup plan. It is hard not to think that saving money for the big boys was the real motivation. Do the right thing for us all and present a stronger, better cleanup plan---paid for by those accountable for the pollution. Do not accept this plan.

Thank you very much,

Very truly yours,

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